ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A digital signature is embedded in the header of selected content to be transmitted. A recipient of the content identifies the priority of the content according to header line content or signature presence and segregates signed priority content from non-authenticated content. Signature generation and filtering as well as certification are accomplished by running application specific software on a selected computer. Required e-mail access level may vary with the intended recipient and/or with the instrumentality by which e-mail access is allowed.

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